

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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June 24, 2003

FROM: **MICHAEL A. RAMOS**
District Attorney

SUBJECT: **APPROVE GRANT APPLICATION TO THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, TO FUND THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY WORKERS' COMPENSATION FRAUD PROSECUTION PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZE THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO SIGN AND SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION**

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve grant application to the State Insurance Commissioner to fund the San Bernardino County program for investigation and prosecution of Workers' Compensation Fraud cases for FY 2003-04 in the amount of \$923,199.
2. Adopt resolution authorizing the District Attorney to sign and submit the grant application on behalf of the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Section 1872.83 of the California Insurance Code authorizes the Insurance Commissioner to distribute funds assessed against insurers for the purposes of investigation and prosecution of workers' compensation insurance fraud cases. These assessed "funds" represent a percentage of the total premiums collected by workers' compensation insurance companies.

This grant has been awarded to San Bernardino County for the last nine years and funds two Deputy District Attorneys, one DA Investigator II, three DA Investigator I positions, one Secretary and a Clerk III position. The grant also funds all operating expenses for the program.

The grant award for FY 2002-03 was \$805,000. The funding for FY 2003-04 will be at least \$923,199. This action seeks authorization to apply for the grant for FY 2003-04.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Scott M. Runyan, Deputy County Counsel) on June 11, 2003, and the County Administrative Office (Mario Lara, Administrative Analyst) on June 17, 2003.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The grant provides funding of the program in the amount of \$923,199 to support the program during FY 2003-04. No matching funds are required. Appropriation and revenue related to the program is included in the proposed FY 2003-04 budget.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): ALL

PRESENTER: James B. Hackleman, Assistant District Attorney (909) 387-6601

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